

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 874

G. Ford House

2030 Old Frederick Road

Catonsville, Baltimore County

1850 ca.

Private

Constructed circa 1850, the G. Ford House dates to a mid-19th century period of settlement in the vicinity of the First District town of Catonsville. By mid-century, Catonsville was already a densely developed and populated community. The 1850 county atlas appears to attribute occupancy of the building to "G. Ford." However, determination of the exact construction date and early occupancy of the building would be aided by an interior architectural survey and deed research. The house does appear on the 1877 atlas as belonging to J. Browne. Over the prior twenty-seven years, the landscape developed at a rapid pace, and lands that had been rural in the mid-19th century had been subdivided and improved by 1877. With the growth of Catonsville as a Baltimore City suburb, further development of this section of the town has occurred, and the community now reflects this mid-20th century period of expansion.

This vernacular building fronts southeast in a setback at the intersection of Rockwell and Old Frederick Roads. The random rubble foundation supports a wood frame building that has been clad with stucco. Standing two-and-a-half stories high, this three-bay-wide dwelling features a side gable roof with asphalt shingles. Two rebuilt interior-end chimney rise from the east end of the roof. The façade of the main block is pierced with two 6/6 vinyl windows on the first story, three 2/2 windows on the second-story, and a 2/2 round-arched window in the end of the projecting center gable. All of the windows have square-edged wood sills and surrounds. The single-leaf entry features a paneled wood door. Projecting to the southwest is a two-story addition that mimics the main block with a center gable peak. A 1/1 vinyl window pierces the second story while a 6/6 vinyl window pierces the first story. Spanning across the two sections is a shed roof porch that has been enclosed at the south end in front of the addition. Above the porch is a square-edged wood balustrade. Another two-story wing was added to the northeast that connects with a flat roof, one-story addition on the rear. The façade of this wing has shed roof projection on the first story that is pierced with three 6/6 windows and a single-leaf paneled door. The second story features a six-light casement window. Located to the rear of the dwelling is a circa 1850 shed. Next to the shed is a circa 1960 garage.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 874

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic G. Ford House (preferred)

other Callahan House

2. Location

street and number 2030 Old Frederick Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Alan R. Newman and E. Wendy Saul

street and number 2030 Old Frederick Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21228

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7148 folio 462

city, town Towson tax map 100 tax parcel 806 tax ID number 0103001161

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing <u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Located to the rear of the dwelling is a circa 1850 one-story shed with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The parged stone foundation supports a structure clad in asbestos shingles. There is a single-leaf door marking the entry that has been clad with asbestos shingles as well.

Next to the shed is a circa 1960 garage with a poured concrete foundation, wood German siding, and a front gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The two-bay structure has two roll-up metal doors that are paneled.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1850 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca., 1940 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.18 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1850, the G. Ford House has been associated with the 1.18 acres of land known as tax parcel 806 of map 100 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

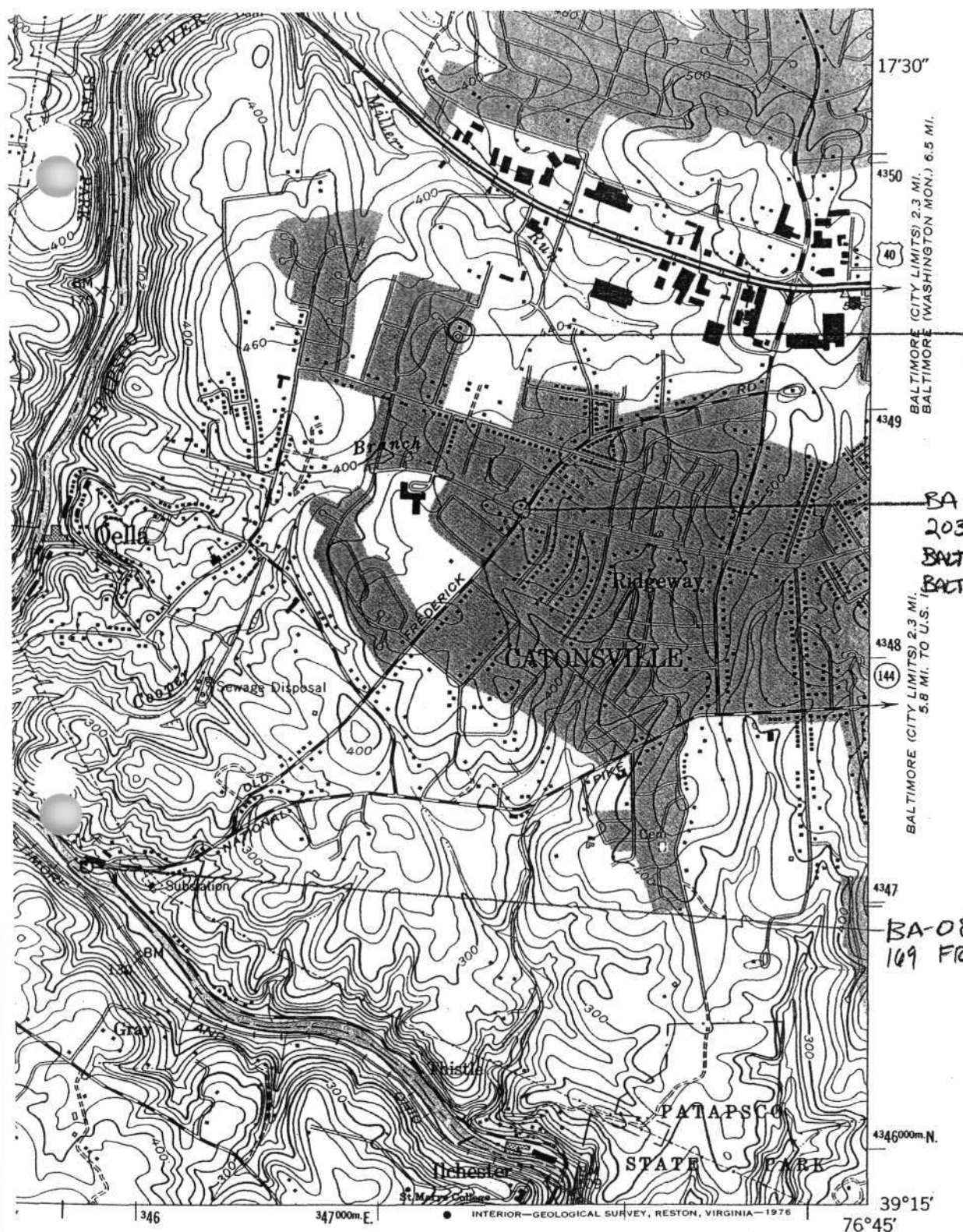
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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17'30"
4350
40
BALTIMORE (CITY LIMITS) 2.3 MI.
BALTIMORE (WASHINGTON MON.) 6.5 MI.
4349
4348
144
BALTIMORE (CITY LIMITS) 2.3 MI.
5.8 MI. TO U.S.
4347
4346000m N.

BA-0876
2200 PLEASANT VILLAGE
AVENUE
ELLICOTT CITY
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-87H
2030 OLD FREDERICK ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0879
109 FREDERICK ROAD

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy-duty | ————— | Light-duty | ————— |
| Medium-duty | ————— | Unimproved dirt | ===== |
| Interstate Route | ⬡ | U. S. Route | ⬢ |
| | | State Route | ◯ |



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1953
PHOTOREVISED 1966 AND 1974
AMS 5662 IV SE-SERIES V833

(RELAY)
5662 II NW



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Callahan House, 2030 Old Frederick Road
Baltimore
Baltimore County, MD
Traceries
4/2001
MD SHPO
North corner



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South corner

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CALLAHAN HOUSE - After 1876 - 2030 Old Frederick Road, at northwest corner with Rockwell Avenue. Frame Victorian house with cross-gable roof; three bays, two stories; rounded window in gable peak; built as tenant house on an estate that was developed into Colonial Gardens. Also known as "Mary's Dream", it seems to have been J. Brown's on 1877 atlas and the "Mrs. Thomey" house of 1915 atlas. Owners at time of 1970 Sun Magazine feature article were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Callahan. Present owner: Ellis G. Knox.